

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Restriction Requirement mailed May 9, 2006, in which the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1 & 2, drawn to a masking compound, classified in class 106, subclass 2.
- II. Claim 3, drawn to a process for cleaning a surface, classified in class 427, subclass 154.
- III. Claim 4, drawn to a process for masking a surface, classified in class 427, subclass 259 or 282.
- IV. Claims 5 & 6, drawn to a method of isolating/dividing a space, classified in class 156, subclass various.

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1 and 2 with traverse. Claims 3-7 are canceled. However, Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the canceled claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications at a later date. New Claims 8-15 further define the elected invention.

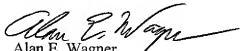
**Extension of Term.**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, if an extension of term is required, please consider this a request therefor, and authorization to charge the required fee to Account No. 23-2053.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that affect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (414) 978-5538 to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2053.

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